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FROM THE PRESIDENT

PHIL SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT

The 2015-2016 season was one of the most rewarding in recent memory. We now have a group of enthusiastic young lifesavers holding leadership positions who I am confident will see our Club move forward into a prosperous future. This enthusiasm is demonstrated by the number of patrolling members, increased participation in the Club Championships and the high number of Lifesaving Awards achieved. We have a keen group of rowers, swimmers and athletes training hard in preparation for competition at Branch next year.

The total number of patrol hours for the season was 5,730 and saw numerous rescues and incidents, including the award-winning Branch Rescue of the Month by Patrol 3 in October 2015. Whilst attending to a spinal incident, and after they had signed off for the afternoon, they performed an impressive mass rescue. I am thrilled that Whale Beach SLSC was recognised for this rescue and commend the team for their efforts.

I will be stepping down as President of the Club at the upcoming AGM. After four years as President, I believe that I am now able to hand the reigns over to a new group of enthusiastic younger lifesavers. This new management comes armed with innovative new ideas, skills and experiences and will be well-placed to create positive change within the club. I recommend that consideration should be given to setting four year terms for positions such as President, which could help provide stability and continuity for the Club.

Competition

This season saw a small contingent represent the Club at the Branch Championships. These members competed in swim, board and beach races, establishing a strong foundation for future competition. You will see Whale Beach on the podium at Branch in the seasons to come!

I offer my congratulations to Bill Phillips – the ‘old walrus.’ Once again he represented Whale Beach at the Australian Championships gaining first in both the swim and tube races in the Masters 70+ years. These achievements should inspire other members to follow.

The weekend Events and Club Championships were organised with much thanks to Rob Burfitt-Williams. A strong group of swimmers competed in the Championships, and the Events being the best attended for many seasons, with strong performances by both males and females.

The Big Swim

Thank you to Race Director, Simon Morgan whose outstanding organisational skills produced this year’s successful and memorable event. The weather and seas were kind to us resulting in nothing but praise from swimmers and organisers.

The success of the event could not have been realised without the assistance of Club members who provided water safety and helped to set up facilities. I also thank those Associate members and their friends who worked at Palm and Whale Beach in the background with duties such as applying leg tags and managing the BBQ and drinks stands. Thanks also go to the young Rippers who removed leg tags from competitors at the completion of the race.

Rescue Services

Once again there were no lives lost at Whale Beach and we received praise from Branch. The Lifesaving Committee, Patrol Captains and patrolling members performed admirably during the season. There were numerous rescues and incidents to which all were attended to in a professional manner. During the season members were well coached ensuring everyone kept up to date with skills and procedures.

Education

Congratulations to all members who invested the time and effort to attain awards. Members graduated in Bronze Medallion, First-aid, Advanced Resuscitation, Spinal Management and Beach Management. We also trained Inshore Rescue Boat drivers and crew as well as jet-ski operators. We now have more IRB drivers than any previous season. To top this off eight Gold Medallions were awarded concurrently. This has never been achieved previously by either Whale Beach or any other Club on the Northern Beaches. This award tests fitness as well as rescue knowledge. Our youngest awardee was Charles Kellaway who was only 17 at the time of attaining the award, and was also awarded Young Lifesaver of the Year award at Sydney Northern Beaches Branch awards. We congratulate Charlie wholeheartedly and predict great things from him in the future.

Equipment

We purchased new rescue boards, IRB and first-aid equipment this season. These are being well looked after by our gear and maintenance team and the relevant officers. The new equipment assists to provide an efficient presence on the

beach and provide members a strong affinity towards the Club.

Club Facilities

The gymnasium and members lounge have seen a significant investment in fixtures and fittings. Members now regularly make good use of these spaces and efforts are made to ensure the equipment is well maintained. With a more inviting and comfortable clubhouse now in operation, we invite all members to enjoy these Club facilities with your fellow club members – don’t be shy!

Finance and Administration

Aside from grants the financing of the Surf Club comes from the Property Club. Thanks must go to our Treasurer Jon Pratten for establishing the systems necessary to manage the day to day finances of the club.

Thank you also goes to our Secretary Andrew Pearce for carrying out his duties in a calm and methodical manner, keeping everyone on side and communicating with Club members.

Community

The community events this year comprised the Neighbours night (Pig night), Christmas drinks and the most recent initiative being the monthly drinks night held all year around on the last Saturday of the month at 5pm. All are welcome to join us at monthly drinks, including members, neighbours, guests – we always look forward to seeing new faces.

The Neighbours night was once again a great success. We entertained more than 230 people, and the pig was generously donated by Dugald Walker, with the accompanying dishes provided by Moby Dicks. The profit from the evening was in excess of \$4,000.

The Christmas Rippers for both club members and other children and grandchildren of the community was once again organised by Sue Kearney. Sue involved herself with her usual gusto, and once again this was a great success. Thanks go to Andrew and Pip Goldsmith and his team at Moby Dicks, Dugald Walker and Sue.

Celebrating 35 Years of the Female Lifesaver

In 1980 the first women were awarded the Bronze Medallion, today approximately 40% of the lifesaving movement are

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FROM THE SECRETARY

ANDREW PEARCE, HONORARY SECRETARY

The season started ominously for me when I flipped the IRB in the southern corner with a propeller guard full of seaweed! Things however rapidly improved and I look back on the season past and can confidently say that it was one of our best. The list of achievements the club and its members have managed over the past 12 months is astonishing. My sincere thanks to all the wonderful people who have made this season possible: our dedicated members, their supportive friends and families, generous sponsors, an encouraging Surf Lifesaving organisation, and a strong community.

Moving into the future, the Club will focus on expanding its membership base in order to effectively perform our duties on the beach whilst maintaining a thriving community surf club. We aim to reach 600 members in 2020 by increasing our focus on people, as this is the essence of what we are as a club- a group of people dedicated to a common task. We have found that the key to recruiting and retaining members is to provide a safe, relaxed and enjoyable environment in which men and women

from all age groups can socialise with each other, as part of an inclusive culture. We are fortunate enough to have two key hubs to help facilitate this – the BBQ deck and the Members Lounge. In the coming season, we hope to build upon our social calendar by providing regular communal occasions throughout the year, helping to keep the Club relevant in people's lives.

I would like to highlight two key trends in Club membership over the past 10 years, as shown in the table below. Firstly, patrolling membership has declined sharply from the highs of 2007, but has been relatively stable for the last four years. In fact, as a proportion of total Club membership, patrollers now represent just 44%, which is the lowest we have seen for ten years. This leads to the second key trend, in which Associate members have grown from 10% to 30% of total membership.

For the club, this means that adequately staffing patrols can become difficult. Through effective recruitment and retention strategies, it is crucial that we begin to reduce attrition rates and ensure that the club continues to remain relevant in our



TOTAL MEMBERS BY CATEGORY

| Category | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Active (15-18 yrs) * | 97 | 74 | 111 | 95 | 89 | 81 | 40 | 41 | 43 | 42 |
| Active (18yrs and over) * | 141 | 148 | 124 | 139 | 110 | 92 | 88 | 83 | 97 | 100 |
| Associate | 49 | 54 | 61 | 53 | 80 | 71 | 78 | 88 | 83 | 103 |
| Cadet Member (13-15 yrs) * | 17 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 5 | 23 |
| Honorary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Life Member | 13 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Long Service | 37 | 35 | 39 | 37 | 42 | 43 | 38 | 37 | 33 | 32 |
| Past Active | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| Probationary | 56 | 70 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 8 | 10 | 5 |
| Reserve Active * | 20 | 21 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 25 | 23 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| TOTAL | 435 | 416 | 385 | 366 | 375 | 343 | 323 | 318 | 313 | 347 |
| * Patrolling Membership | 275 | 243 | 262 | 258 | 231 | 199 | 155 | 163 | 166 | 154 |

members' busy lives. Additionally, it may be necessary to revisit our constitution in order to allow for Associate Members to hold positions of office. We need to capitalise on the wealth of untapped talent, experience and volunteer hours in this membership category.

I am confident that all of these goals are well within our reach, as we have the raw materials at hand: a modern building with high-quality facilities in a gorgeous location, sound finances, a rich history, and a well-equipped boat shed. Not to mention our enthusiastic leadership, and passionate members! They just need to be wired up correctly to get the machine humming.

In addition to membership expansion, we continue to juggle a number of other tasks, including our number one priority, the safety and wellbeing of our beach visitors. Building maintenance, upgrading facilities and the regular upkeep and renewal of rescue gear and equipment also holds high priority. We must continue to develop the skills of our members by facilitating further awards and encouraging participation in competitions, whilst simultaneously working to strengthen our schools programmes. The sense of community on the peninsula is very strong and the Club would do well to increase our engagement with the community.

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FROM THE TREASURER

JON PRATTEN, HONORARY TREASURER

This year has been financially satisfactory. Our net profit was \$2,000 after a donation to our Property Club of \$21,000. Income was \$202,000 with the main contributions coming from The Big Swim (\$101,000), member subscriptions (\$37,000) and sponsorship and grants (\$20,000). Expenses were \$200,000 including the donation to the Property Club. Major expenses were The Big Swim (\$36,000) and repairs and maintenance (\$44,000).

The Big Swim continues to be a most important contributor to our financial well being. Our thanks again go to our major sponsor for the Big Swim, Macquarie Group, and our major sponsor for the Little Big Swim, United Resource Management. Macquarie Group have sponsored The Big Swim for 18 years, and have prepaid their sponsorship for another two years.

Club functions made a small surplus, consistent with our established policy of

providing benefits to our members and fostering good relations with the Whale Beach community. Awards Night 2016 was held at Moby Dicks and we are again indebted to Andrew and Pip Goldsmith for the favourable terms offered, not only for this function, but for our Community Night and other regular Club gatherings.

This year we have invested \$31,000 in new rescue boards, \$15,000 in a new Thundercat Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) and \$6,000 in gym equipment.

Thanks must go again to all who help make our Club successful. In particular, I would like to thank our donors, our Big Swim director Simon Morgan, our apparel and barbeque coordinator Paul Hughes, and our club administrator Monica Hughes, all of whom are significantly influential in our financial health.

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women. Led by Tamara Scott, on Saturday 29 October 2016 we will be having an event to celebrate women's past and present contribution to our Club, whilst looking to the future of women in Whale Beach SLSC. All members are encouraged to show their support, so please keep an eye out for correspondence with further details. In addition, I am proud to note that this season two Whale Beach women achieved their Gold Medallion. Lara Boyle and Annika Harrison have worked tirelessly for the club, and trained hard for the medallion,

and I offer my sincere congratulations for their achievements.

Sponsors and Benefactors

We thank all of our sponsors and benefactors for the support they have provided during the past season. The main sponsors being Macquarie Bank, Palm Beach RSL, Pittwater Council, SLS NSW, SLS Australia and a special thank you goes to Andrew and Pip and the Moby's crew who have been very generous each time we have held an event.

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Taking our current membership situation and our myriad responsibilities into account, it's clear that more help is required! We have 10% of the people doing 90% of the work and this just isn't sustainable. Whilst the achievements of this season have been impressive, the leadership team set high expectations which placed pressure on individuals along the way. This can lead to tensions, build resentment and strays from our club ethos of a relaxed and enjoyable environment. Dear reader, if you have any capacity and interest in helping run your club then please contact me. There are many enjoyable and rewarding opportunities available, including BBQ and social duties, committee and leadership members and patrol members.

I've thoroughly enjoyed my second year as Secretary and continue to relish the opportunities it brings to learn and grow. I must offer my sincere thanks to our Club Administrator, Monica Hughes whose support is invaluable. Thanks also to my colleagues on the Club Executive – President Phil Schmidt, Treasurer Jon Pratten and Club Captain John Lewin, for your counsel and support throughout the season. I also extend thanks to our many officers whose efforts in helping with the running of our club are valued and much appreciated.

Thank you for reading and I look forward to seeing you all on the beach in the 2016/17 season.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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| Patrons | Rob Stokes, Jacqueline Townsend, Bronwyn Bishop | Education Sub-Committee | <i>not elected</i> |
| President | Phil Schmidt | Competition Committee | Midget Farrelly, John Lewin, Adam Humphreys/Floyd Higgins, Simon Morgan, Rob Burfitt-Williams |
| Vice President | Jonathon Stubbs | Ocean Swim Sub-Committee | Simon Morgan, Jon Pratten, Rob Burfitt-Williams, John Lewin, Andrew Pearce |
| Immediate Past President | Martin Armstrong | Finance Committee | Jon Pratten, Martin Armstrong, Aaron Hendrikson, Bill Phillips |
| Honorary Secretary | Andrew Pearce | Administration Committee | <i>not elected</i> |
| Treasurer/Public Officer | Jon Pratten | Entertainment Sub-Committee | Phil Madden, Ella Vial, Georgia Roberts, Andrew Pearce |
| Club Captain | John Lewin | Election Sub-Committee | <i>not elected</i> |
| Club Vice Captains | Lara Boyle and Harry Smith | Property Committee | Danny Ryan, Paul Hughes, Andrew Pearce, Bill Phillips |
| House Captain | Andrew Pearce | Junior Activities Committee | <i>not elected</i> |
| Property Officers | Danny Ryan and Paul Hughes | Life Membership Committee | Graeme Stewart, Bryan Webster, Danny Ryan, Martin Armstrong, Chris Hendrikson |
| Publicity Officer | Annika Harrison | Constitution Committee | Jon Pratten, Bill Phillips, Martin Armstrong, Phil Schmidt, Andrew Pearce |
| Chief Instructor | Georgia Roberts | Judiciary Committee | Andrew Pearce, Bill Phillips, Aaron Hendrikson |
| OH&S Officer | Bill Phillips | Management Committee (PC) | John Lewis, Bryan Webster, Martin Armstrong, Richard Stewart, Rob Berry, Chris Hendrickson, Phil Schmidt, Jon Pratten, Andrew Pearce |
| Gear Steward | Richard Stewart | Executive Committee (PC) | <i>not elected</i> |
| IRB/Power Equipment Captain | Lindsay Kershaw/Harry Smith | Building Committee (PC) | <i>not elected</i> |
| Boat Captain | Midget Farrelly | Finance and Investment Sub-Committee (PC) | <i>not elected</i> |
| Board and Ski Captain | Adam Humphreys/Floyd Higgins | The Legal Sub-Committee (PC) | <i>not elected</i> |
| Radio Officer | Bryan Webster | Annual Report Production Team | Annika Harrison, Andrew Pearce, Ellie Keft, Jade Fenkart |
| Entertainment Secretary | Phil Madden | Photos | Chris Hendrikson, John Fielder, Rob Berry |
| Handicapper | Rob Burfitt-Williams | | |
| Big Swim Race Director | Simon Morgan | | |
| First Aid Officer | Saskia Clarke | | |
| Competition Secretary | Midget Farrelly | | |
| Junior Activities Captain | <i>vacant</i> | | |
| Delegate to Branch | Phil Schmidt | | |
| Honorary Solicitor | Bill Phillips | | |
| Honorary Architect | <i>vacant</i> | | |
| Honorary Engineer | <i>vacant</i> | | |
| Honorary Photographer | <i>vacant</i> | | |
| Honorary Medical Officer | Peter Saxon-Williams, Graeme Stewart | | |
| Management Committee | Phil Schmidt, Jon Pratten, Andrew Pearce, John Lewin, Martin Armstrong, Jonathon Stubbs, Midget Farrelly, Georgia Roberts, Danny Ryan, Paul Hughes | | |
| Executive Committee | Phil Schmidt, Jon Pratten, Andrew Pearce, John Lewin | | |
| Life Saving Committee | John Lewin, Lara Boyle, Harry Smith, Georgia Roberts, Richard Stewart, Lindsay Kershaw, Bryan Webster, Adam Humphreys/Floyd Higgins, Saskia Clarke | | |

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Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated
ABN 89 110 310 102

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STATEMENT REQUIRED BY GOVERNING FUNDRAISING LEGISLATION

Whale Beach SLC Incorporated is governed by the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (as amended) and the Charitable Fundraising Regulations 2008.

Declaration of the President and Treasurer in our opinion;

a) the income and expenditure statement gives us a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals, and

b) the statement of assets and liabilities gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals conducted by the organisation, and

c) the provisions of the Act, the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with by the organisation, and

d) the internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

**Philip Schmidt, President & Jon Pratten,
Honorary Treasurer**

Dated this 14th day of June 2016

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2016, and the statement of profit or loss, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated as at 30 April 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Standards Board;

2. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated will be able to pay all of its debts as and when they become due and payable.

3. The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Act.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

**Philip Schmidt, President & Jon Pratten,
Treasurer**

Dated this 14th day of June 2016

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 APRIL 2016

| INCOME STATEMENT | | | PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | <i>*This statement does not form part of the audited accounts</i> | 2016 | 2015 |
| | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue | 201,846 | 180,577 | | | |
| Other income | - | - | Income | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation expenses | (13,834) | (3,985) | Miscellaneous income | - | 816 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | (4,901) | - | Interest received | 70 | 19 |
| Other expenses | (18,1015) | (174,087) | Other revenue | 10,688 | 13,522 |
| Surplus (loss) before income tax expense | 2,096 | 2,505 | Big Swim | 100,772 | 83,949 |
| Income tax expense | - | - | Members subscriptions | 36,505 | 36,210 |
| Surplus (loss) for the year | 2,096 | 2,505 | Donations | 14,335 | 9,305 |
| Surplus (loss) attributable to members of the entity | 2,096 | 2,505 | Apparel sales | 3,881 | 4,132 |
| | | | Sponsorship & grants | 20,036 | 22,078 |
| | | | Surf club functions | 15,559 | 10,546 |
| STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION | 2016 | 2015 | Subtotal | 201,846 | 180,577 |
| | \$ | \$ | | | |
| Assets | | | Less Expenditure | | |
| Current Assets | | | Administration fees | 23,550 | 18,600 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3,802 | 3,765 | Apparel purchases | 800 | 7,097 |
| Accounts receivable and other debtors | 38,377 | 23,035 | Auditors' remuneration | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Inventories | 10,458 | 8,194 | Bank charges | 561 | 435 |
| Total Current Assets | 52,637 | 34,994 | Big Swim | 35,745 | 32,800 |
| Non-Current Assets | | | Carnival Fees and Costs | 1,115 | 1,281 |
| Accounts receivable and other debtors | - | - | Office expenses | 1,013 | 1,978 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 44,195 | 14,299 | Depreciation | 13,834 | 3,985 |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 44,195 | 14,299 | Donations to Property Club | 21,000 | 15,000 |
| Total Assets | 96,832 | 49,293 | Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets | 4,901 | - |
| | | | SLS Branch/State Fees | 8,960 | 9,565 |
| Liabilities | | | Trophies, Prizes, Tributes | 3,436 | 1,989 |
| Current Liabilities | | | Postage and freight | 594 | - |
| Accounts payable and other payables | 6,311 | 30,868 | Printing, Photography, Media | 11,933 | 6,487 |
| Other | 70,000 | - | Repairs and maintenance | 43,786 | 44,910 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 76,311 | 30,868 | Surf Club Functions | 10,971 | 20,073 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | | Freight and cartage | (30) | 30 |
| Other | - | - | Utilities and Rates | 8,006 | 7,362 |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | - | - | Training | 5,075 | 1,980 |
| Total Liabilities | 76,311 | 30,868 | Subtotal | 199,750 | 178,072 |
| Net Assets (Liabilities) | 20,521 | 18,425 | NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) | 2,096 | 2,505 |
| Equity | | | Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial year | 18,425 | 15,920 |
| Retained earnings (accumulated losses) | 20,521 | 18,425 | Total available for appropriation (deficit) | 20,521 | 18,425 |
| Total Equity (Deficit) | 20,521 | 18,425 | Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the end of the financial year | 20,521 | 18,425 |

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT : TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WHALE BEACH SLSC INCORPORATED

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position at 30 April 2016 and the Statement of Profit or Loss, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Statement by Members of the Committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

AUDITOR'S OPINION

Basis for Qualified Opinion: Donations and Fund Raising Activities

It is not practical for Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations and fund raising activities until their entry in the accounting

records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to donations and fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report of Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated is in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 April 2016 and of its performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

In accordance with the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (as amended) and the Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2008, in our opinion, except for the effects described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph:

(a) (a) the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial results of the fundraising appeals conducted during the year ended 30 April 2016 being the year to which they relate;

(b) (b) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Reanda Business Intellect Pty Ltd
Registered Company Auditor

Kevin Veale
Director
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Mona Vale

Dated this 14th day of June 2016

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FROM THE CAPTAIN

JOHN LEWIN, CLUB CAPTAIN

The 2015/16 Season kicked off with a bang with the Lifesaving Committee bringing back full day patrols and reducing the number of patrols to ten. This allowed for stronger patrol attendance and reduced the total number of patrols required over the season. The response from our patrolling members was positive and this winter we will continue to look at further initiatives to improve the lifesaving operations next season and beyond.

The lifesaving leadership team, consisting of the Club Captains and the Chief Training Officer, ran in-house proficiencies that streamlined the skills maintenance of most of the Surf Life Saving Awards. This initiative enabled the Club to maintain a high calibre of lifesaving skills whilst also catering to the availabilities of our Active members. The in-house proficiencies, coupled with the full day patrols proved invaluable to the patrolling members as well as for the Club Management as it meant the objectives of the first half of the season were met without over loading the individuals involved.

With our Lifesaving operations moving forward in leaps and bounds, it wouldn't have been possible without a strong education team to support the drive. Over the season, Whale Beach members achieved over 150 awards; with the usual Bronze Medallion, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, Spinal and Inflatable Rescue Boat qualifications being achieved and notably a number of specialised lifesaving awards including Rescue Water Craft (jet-ski) Operator, Pain Management, and eight Gold Medallions.

This season we ran the inaugural Inter-Patrol Competition. This competition embodies many facets of what it means to be a Whale Beach Surf Lifesaver. Points were earned for patrol attendance of their own patrols, substituting or volunteering for another patrol, participation in the Sunday event races and the Inter-Patrol Competition Day. The Inter-Patrol Competition Day saw the glorious return of chariot races and pillow fights! Congratulations to Patrol 9 – The Naughty Cool Nines for winning on the day and to Patrol 5 – The Sailor Moon Squad for overall competition winner, claiming Patrol of the Year.

Looking to the future, I want to continue to support and empower our Patrol Captains to mentor and nurture their patrol members in the fantastic ways they have this season. I'd like to thank our Patrol Captains for their dedication towards their lifesaving responsibilities and to the Club this season. Also thank you to all our Active members for your outstanding efforts this season, particularly in continuing your strong participation in skills maintenance and taking on further awards. I look forward to seeing your continued involvement with the Club next season. Lastly, thank you to all the Officers of the Club who have shaped what it is today; together you have all brought back the strong heartbeat of the Club and it grows stronger every day. I look forward to seeing you all on the beach or around the Club next summer!



EDUCATION AND TRAINING REPORT

GEORGIA ROBERTS, CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER

The 2015–2016 season of lifesaving at Whale Beach has seen some fantastic achievements in education. This year, there was an emphasis placed on increasing membership numbers as well as developing the skills of existing members on patrol. By focusing on these areas, the Education team was able to assist the Club Captain by maximizing club resources whilst improving on overall competence levels across the board. Furthermore, the Education team worked hard to endorse new club assessors and trainers in order to give members more opportunities to demonstrate their leadership abilities. The addition of new trainers such as Tamara Scott, Floyd Higgins, Saskia Clark and Ellie Keft will see an expansion of the training capabilities of our club, with new teaching approaches becoming an invaluable addition to future Bronze or Surf Rescue Certificate students.

This season we have welcomed 31 new Bronze members and 14 new SRC members to our patrols. Each new member has individual qualities that they bring to their new patrols and as a result, we have seen these fresh faces make a huge impact on our beach. Eager to continue their learning, new Bronze members such as Jade Fenkart, Kieran Gallagher, Michele Rae, Julia Garside and Nicholas Dijon have gone on to complete up to three extra courses in their first season. This enthusiasm is great to see and I congratulate all new members. It is a

pleasure to have you on board, and I have high hopes for our future!

The Education team's most monumental achievement was seeing eight of our most dedicated members achieving their Gold Medallions. This is the ultimate test when it comes to lifesaving and is a huge accomplishment for both the individuals who worked for them and for our club.

I'd like to offer huge congratulations to Lara Boyle who this season became an endorsed club assessor. This is a fantastic achievement that takes many hours of dedication and commitment, so well done to Lara for persisting and succeeding. We are all very proud! In addition, both John Lewin and myself completed our assessors course and will show the same dedication that Lara has shown as supervised assessors, eventually becoming endorsed club assessors.

All in all, this season has seen a surge in commitment from our members, with a total of 150 new courses being completed throughout the season, including Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART), Spinal Management, First Aid and Basic Beach Management (BBM). In addition, the Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) courses introduced a total of 13 new awards. Well

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done to Harry Smith and John Lewin for organising these valuable and enjoyable IRB courses. Three individuals in particular, Floyd Higgins, Charlie Kellaway and John Lewin went the extra mile and smashed out a total of six courses each in one season which is no easy feat. Congratulations to all who participated in and completed an extra course this season, your Education team thanks you!

Next season will bring about a few structural changes to the education program. Proficiencies will begin early in the season so please help your team and patrol out by getting in early and becoming proficient,

so that the season can start hassle-free for everybody! We hope to see even more members stepping up and participating in additional awards, as well as showing interest in becoming trainers and assessors. Membership renewal and recruitment will remain a strong focus for the Club, and your assistance in this area is always appreciated. Throughout next season, we aim to continue to improve our education program, providing the best possible Bronze and SRC courses to both the public and our partner schools that wish to join our ever-growing and highly talented club.

Thank you to all members for a cracker of a season!



GEAR AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

RICHARD STEWART, GEAR OFFICER

Every week on Thursday mornings, an experienced group of Club members assemble to clean, repair, sterilise and replace the gear that had been used during the weekend patrols. This ensures that we can be prepared with safe and operational equipment each weekend to meet our responsibilities of ensuring the safety of our beach visitors. This is the very essence of what a surf club is all about.

Thank you to the team of Colin Timms, Rob Berry, Paul Hughes, Peter and Beverly Taylor and Jennifer Mulligan – the club is indebted to you for your devotion and diligence all year round.

Gear Inspection

This season saw Club Captain John Lewin lead a team of our younger generation of lifesavers coordinate the annual Branch gear inspection. This is huge exercise, requiring all equipment to be laid out for scrutiny to ensure it is in good working order. Thank you to all who assisted.

First Aid

A proposal to refit and upgrade the first-aid room has been submitted to the Management Committee for consideration. The proposal includes improvements in the layout, additional fittings such as the patient bed, and extra storage facilities. First-aid equipment has been upgraded with the provision of two modern soft-pack Oxy-Viva's and two first-aid kits. With thanks to the SLSNSW annual Lifesaving Equipment Grant, an additional modern Automated External Defibrillator has just been received.

Stinger Treatment Area

A constant gas hot water system was installed to provide unlimited hot water for bluebottle treatment. This replaced the limited 80 litre electric unit that quickly emptied during periods of high demand.

Power Equipment

A much anticipated new arrival this season was the new All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) which has performed admirably over the season. The ATV was provided by the Australian Lifeguard Service with use and maintenance shared with the Club. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the ALS and Lifeguard Supervisor Phil Dunn for our mutual and friendly relationship. A third Inshore Rescue Boat (IRB) was purchased to support both patrol, training and water safety requirements.

Patrol Uniforms

The modern Quiksilver designed uniforms are popular with members and we continue to manage the difficult task of ensuring adequate stock based on fluctuations in supply and demand.

Board and Skis

The new fleet of rescue and racing boards has seen good use throughout the season. A mixture of Epoxy and foam boards in full and $\frac{3}{4}$ sizes, provides well for the assorted uses from training to rescues.

The Equipment and Gear Maintenance Team would also like to thank Sydney Northern Beaches Branch for their support throughout the season.



IRB AND POWER EQUIPMENT

HARRY SMITH, FILLING IN FOR THE BEST IRB CAPTAIN EVER

The 2015-16 season was one of the biggest and best yet for power craft at Whale Beach. With the temporary departure of Lindsay Kershaw (aka 'the best IRB Captain ever'), yours truly stepped in to assist. The power equipment at our disposal is one the most critical modern advances in lifesaving and time and time again we see the importance of having good quality equipment and highly trained lifesavers on the beach to assist with rescues.

The start of the season saw a brand new All-Terrain Vehicle delivered to the Club and our club Captain John Lewin has been busy inducting our members in the safe and responsible operation of the vehicle. The new power-horse has had no troubles hauling gear on and off the beach despite President Phil Schmidt's best attempts at burying the ATV up to the chassis in the foreshore on Christmas Day.

Whale Beach has also been graced with a brand new Inshore Rescue Boat, the powerful Thundercat 377 Gen II aptly named the 'Phil Cullis'. It's an absolute beast in the water and Secretary Andrew Pearce wasted no time in seeing how the new craft fares upside down, an intentionally executed training exercise no doubt.

There has been a great interest from Lifesavers at Whale beach wanting to upskill and through the hard work of trainers and trainees we've managed to obtain five new IRB driver and nine new IRB crew member awards over two courses run this season. Over the 2015 winter our very own John Lewin was busy obtaining his Rescue Water Craft award and was accepted into the coveted Support Ski 1 Jet Ski operator's guild. Good luck to Andrew Pearce and Lara Boyle who are currently completing their training for the same award in the icy cold waters of North Palm Beach.

Next season will have a huge focus on mentoring and upskilling and I'm looking for expressions of interest for two individuals to become IRB crew and driver trainers at Whale Beach. It's a rewarding experience that will build your skills

and confidence both in the craft and in leadership, please get in contact with me if you're interested.

The Big Swim was a fantastic success this year and it wouldn't have been possible without all the support from both our own club and neighbouring clubs' IRB teams. Whale Beach had three experienced duck teams in the water and a further five IRB teams on loan from Palm Beach, Bungan Beach, Avalon Beach and Bilgola Beach. Thank you to all those who assisted, the relationship our clubs share is critical for the success and safety of all our ocean swims. A special thanks to North Palm Beach and Sydney Northern Beaches Branch for the loan of three Jet Skis to provide further support on the day.

Overall a fantastic season for power craft at Whale Beach and we will certainly be looking to build on that success in the season to come.



SLSA AWARDS

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques

Jeremy Tysoe
Jonathan Stubbs
Hamish Stephen
Lochie Stanwell
Matthew Stafford
Joshua Scheiner
Thomas Sanderson
Nicholas Riddell-gould
Mac Powell
Ryan Paul
Lawrence OBrien
Tom Kite
Charles Kellaway
Floyd Higgins
Jade Fenkart
Aedan Curtis
Georgia Browning
Sam Baptist

Bronze Medallion

Paul Young
Lachlan Williams
William Thomas
Sophie Rothery
Sydney Robertson
Eloise Riley
Michele Rae
Harrison Penn
James Pegg
Angus Oag
Saffron Murphy
Andy Morris
Christina Mayne
Holly Mann

Rachel Lowe
Richard Leonard
Spencer Jackson
Liam George
Julia Garside
Kieran Gallagher
Madeleine Fleming
Jade Fenkart
Nicholas Dijohn
Edmund Curtis
Sally Collier
Andreas Chambers
Charles Carnegie
Ben Bradford
Iain Bownes
Gavin Aubrey
Barnaby Allen

First Aid

Paul Young
Colin Timms
Jonathan Stubbs
David Strong
Richard Stewart
Philip Schmidt
Georgia Roberts
Callum Reid
Ryan Paul
Matt Pacey
Peter Myers
Lachlan McEntyre
Charles Kellaway
Eleanor Keft
Floyd Higgins
Annika Harrisson
James Frear

Jade Fenkart
Sally Collier
Charles Callander
Angus Bownes
Oliver Bownes

Gold Medallion

Jonathan Stubbs
Lachlan McEntyre
John Lewin
Charles Kellaway
Floyd Higgins
Annika Harrisson
Lara Boyle
Angus Bownes

IRB Crew Certificate

Cameron Taylor
Emily-Jane
Sharpington-Recny
Christina Mayne
Philip Madden
Emily Lang
Charles Kellaway
Floyd Higgins
Rebecca Dodd
Nicholas Dijohn

Junior Activities Age Manager

Evan Webster

National Leadership College

John Lewin



Pain Management Certificate

Harry Smith
John Lewin
Lindsay Kershaw

Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate
John Lewin

Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management

Jonathan Stubbs
Georgia Roberts
Charles Kellaway
Eleanor Keft
Floyd Higgins
Julia Garside
Kieran Gallagher
Jade Fenkart
Lara Boyle

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

Cameron Taylor
Joshua Scheiner
Alexander Burchett
Angus Bownes

Spinal Management

Jeremy Tysoe
Charles Thorn
Jonathan Stubbs
Lochie Stanwell
Matthew Stafford
Harry Smith

Lachlan Scott
Joshua Scheiner
Thomas Sanderson
Mac Powell
Ryan Paul
Jemima McGahey
Philip Madden
Tom Kite
Charles Kellaway
Eleanor Keft
Floyd Higgins
Henry George
Jade Fenkart
Aedan Curtis
Harry Carmichael
Georgia Browning
Sam Baptist
Tom Adams

SS – ASC Community Coaching General Principles
Bernard Farrelly

SS – Development Coach Surf Boat
Bernard Farrelly

Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)
Mitchell Wong
Oscar Thomson
Samuel Rechner
Oscar Press
Luke Parks
Harrison Muller

Wil McDonald
Oliver Longhi
Angus Kellaway
Mathew Jackson
Oliver Griffiths
Digby Dalton
Thomas Constable
Elliott Burns

Training Officer Bronze Medallion
Harry Smith
John Lewin

Training Officer IRB
John Lewin



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COMPETITION REPORT

FLOYD HIGGINGS, COMPETITION OFFICER

This year marked a turning point for the external competitions sector at Whale Beach. The focus was on building interest in external competition with an aim to unleash our talent at next year's events. Big things to come, watch this space!

First things first, a huge congratulations to Bill Phillips for his exploits at the Aussie Masters this year. Bill placed first in the Over 70's swim and tube race up at Maroochydore; a huge achievement! On a local level we sent a small team to the SNB Branch Championships at Palm Beach who were entered in the sprints, flags, swim and run and contended well in a tough pool of competitors. This was noticed by the announcers who hadn't seen a pair of Whale Beach budgies outside of a boat in a long time.

Needless to say, we are excited for next season! The current plan of events includes Branch, State and Aussies as well as

entering the local editions of the Ocean Swim Series. The Ocean Swim Series is not strictly club versus club but a great opportunity for participants of all abilities to get involved in the competitions side of things. Depending on interest, regular training sessions will be established in the run up to some of the more major events.

The Pittwater Ocean Swims Series includes: Bilgola (Dec 13), Newport (Jan 3), Avalon (Jan 17), Mona Vale (Jan 24), and best event of them all; the Whale Beach Big Swim (Jan 31). Do three of those five swims, and your name will go into a draw to win a trip to Byron Bay to swim in the Byron Bay Ocean Swim Classic in May. Other club swim events will be posted as they are announced.

If you are interested in competing next season make sure you get in contact with myself floydhiggins@hotmail.com or Oli Bownes oliver.bownes@gmail.com



HANDICAPPER'S REPORT

ROBERT BURFITT-WILLIAMS, HONORARY HANDICAPPER

Thank you to all who participated and helped in the 2015/16 Sunday Events and also in the Club Championships. On occasion I like to strip down to the budgie-smugglers and throw an arm over in anger in the races, I'm ever grateful to the stand ins that allow me to compete and cover my absences. I also very much appreciate the assistance of those IRB drivers who assist with laying buoys and providing water safety.

I would have thought by my third year as handicapper, competitors would have come to understand that gratuities can be exchanged for assistance in achieving their best results. I may be mistaken, but I'm pretty sure that this is covered in the Club's constitution. Unfortunately, this performance enhancement scheme is still yet to be embraced, I however remain ever optimistic.

As always, variable surf conditions impact whether Sunday events are held, during the 2015/16 season events were held on 17 weekends. This was down on the 2014/15 season (19) and 2013/14 season (23). The prestigious 'Point to Point' swimming race was won by Floyd Higgins. Unfortunately, the 'Bay to Breakers' was not held due to unsuitable surf conditions.

60 people competed in the Sunday swims during the season with the biggest field being 19 and the smallest being 2. 20 people competed in the ski paddling during the season with the biggest field being 8 and the smallest being 2. 29 people competed in the board paddling during the season with the biggest field being 8 and the smallest

being 2. 35 people competed in the flags during the season with the biggest field being 11 and the smallest being 5. 35 people competed in the sprints during the season with the biggest field being 11 and the smallest being 5.

The Club Championships were held on Valentine's Day and saw some terrific competition and participation across all age groups. Conditions were perfect with a 2ft SSE swell, moderate northerly winds and an incoming tide. Our investment in new boards at the beginning of the season has proved worthwhile with some 20 competitors across Juniors and Opens racing at once! Thank you and well done to all those who participated.

Sunday competition events are fun and I recommend anyone who has not competed to come along and give them a go. Each race is a mixed bag of cadets, juniors, opens, masters and veterans both male and female. Participating in the races improves your surf skills, fitness and stamina. If you want to be competitive then the opportunity is there. If you want to participate for fun or to improve your skills, then the opportunity is also there. Once you have tried them you will enjoy a sense of achievement and camaraderie with other competitors. Less experienced members have told me that after competing over a few weeks they feel stronger and more confident in the surf. Swimming and board paddling are the bread and butter of lifesaving in the surf and racing only improves your skills.

See you next season.





SURF BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

MIDGET FARRELLY, SURF BOAT CAPTAIN

Training last winter:

Usually our winters send us at least six big wave days off the point at south Palm Beach. These big days keep the crews in touch with the ocean and their boat skills. Winter 2015 did not provide even one of these days.

In spring Cam Taylor and Angus Wood had new crews in the water (reserves and under 23 men) and were working on their sweeping skills.

The 2015 – 2016 season was always going to be fragmented due to the Midget's chemo treatment.

Only one crew entered Newport boat carnival in late November. The NGWABS (Cam Taylor, Angus Wood, Hugh Stevenson and Nick Wubben) raced well in big waves and were on their way to the U23 Men final until their sweep had to pull them due to chemo induced problems.

The last week of November 2015 the NGWABS raced at Coffs Harbour, once again in great surf, slowly making their way towards the finals. The boys rowed two divisions again and yet again rowed far better in Open Men than U23s. Once again their sweep ran out of puff on his chemo and had to pull out.

February 2016 was Sydney Northern Beaches Branch boat at Palm Beach. A beautiful nor'easter morning where small waves

greeted us. Whaley had two crews entered, one in Open Women and one in Open Men. The open women were Julia Garside, Alice Collins, Maddy Flemming and Holly Mann. The ladies got their bronzes before Christmas with trainer Lara Boyle and learnt to row at the same time. It was agreed that Branch would be a 'learn' and no results were expected. The crew had a very positive experience for a first go out.

Will Beaumont was filling in for Nick Wubben in the NGWABS and due to his age the crew had to row up in Open Men. Most Opens crews are on top of their game by this time of year so we were looking at the backs of a lot of boats most races. Once again, a very enjoyable day for the crew.

Last weekend of February is Battle of the Boats weekend, every year. This is the fun event run over two days with lots of racing and socialising. Normally BoB is held at Elizabeth Beach, a north facing, relatively tame beach break in a national park. Due to massive and dangerous surf, racing was moved to Smiths Lake. Lake racing is usually out of the question for a surfboat crew, but we all go to BoB to support the locals and their amazing event.

The NGWABS and the Open Women (as yet unnamed) raced along with a reserve crew Will Beaumont had put together which included Will Thomas, Harry Murdoch and Ant Bowden.

The NGWABS raced two divisions and did struggle as Nick Wubben had just returned





from three weeks snow skiing. The Open Women improved every race as they slowly developed their race heads. The reserve crew were a surprise and they placed higher each race. To get to a BoB final you must place no lower than second in any race, so we got to watch a lot of finals.

There were too many negatives for the crews to race either State or Nationals. 'Next year' we all said.

Our last get together was with two boats and mixed crews racing each other and various sweeps in the back. A beautiful day at south Palm Beach with small waves put a nice finish to the season.

The good news is that State will be a Swansea Belmont in 2017 (surf at last) and Aussies will be at North Kirra (can be challenging).

The NGWABs become Open Men next season.

The Open Women will be back as a crew. Reserves may have a seat or two open – speak to Will Beaumont 0439 448 021 Under 23 Men has seats for new rowers –

speak to Angus Wood 0401 169 623 Under 23 Women has seats for new rowers – speak to Nat Matthews 0432 916 961 Under 19s has two seats open – speak to Cam Taylor 0410 421 354 Cam Taylor, Angus Wood, Will Beaumont and Hugh Stevenson will be taking crews out through winter/spring at Clontarf and in the surf (under supervision).

Thanks to all the rowers who showed good style (personal) and enthusiasm for the sport. Without doubt they are a very natural, happy group who are bound to succeed.

Thanks to Emily Jane Recny for recruiting the Open Women's crew. Congratulations to Em Jay for being part of the Palmy U23 Women's crew that won gold at Aussies in April.

Thanks to Whaley for supporting us over the season (damaged oars, batteries, etc.) and thanks for paying our carnival entry fees.

THE BIG (AND LITTLE) SWIM

SIMON MORGAN, BIG SWIM RACE DIRECTOR

As ever, my and the Club's thanks to our sponsors, Macquarie Bank, URM, The Boathouse Group and Mana Island Resort & Spa.

To the Rural Fire Service – Ingleside, Volunteer Marine Rescue – Broken Bay, Life Member Danny Ryan and our neighbouring Surf Life Saving Clubs, in particular Palm Beach, who provide significant assistance in extra patrols and associated resources, we are extremely grateful for your support. To the enormous number of volunteers a huge thank you all. This is what we all achieved!

In the 2016 swims we had 1,521 entrants, an increase of 12.5% on the previous year. It has been generally recognised that most of the swims in 2015-16 have seen reduced numbers of 10-15%. This was largely due to the number of various swims on offer, but more importantly the large number of shark sightings on the east coast which, it would appear, has had an effect this year. The Big Swim is fortunate in the huge resource's we are able to marshal including the helicopter surveillance, large Volunteer Marine Rescue fleet and many on-water resources from Whale Beach and neighbouring clubs. The Club and I were particularly encouraged that we grew the event when many others were in decline. Our very visible efforts in ensuring the safest possible event assisted in the 2016 success.

While the majority of entrants are from north of the Harbour Bridge there was

significant representation from the east, Bondi and Bronte in particular. The Central Coast had a good turnout, they utilise an early ferry service we arrange which gets swimmers and their supporters to the beach from Ettalong in time to compete. This is made possible by the assistance of Fantasea, Palm Beach Ferries.

The ocean swims calendar is crowded these days and it helps our profile to be the longest running and, aside from the





Cole Classic (hugely supported by the Sydney Morning Herald), the swim with largest number of participants in this part of the world. It is difficult to gauge media interest outside of our local area, being Manly Daily (post event story) and Pittwater Life who had a January cover and story on ocean swimming, in particular the Ocean Swim Series incorporating five clubs on the northern beaches and headlining the Macquarie Big Swim in their story, thanks to Rob Berry. The event attracts supporters at a minimum of 2:1, so a very conservative estimate of 4,500 persons attend the event.

Finally, given the long association of The Big Swim with Macquarie, the event is clearly recognised as the “Macquarie Big Swim” and the support of that organisation is very well identified in the community. URM and its commitment to the URM Little Big Swim has allowed the Club to not only accommodate shorter distance swimmers in a very safe environment but these swimmers through the CanToo organisation and individually are now progressing to the longer distance event providing organic growth overall. The assistance of Macquarie Bank, URM and The

Boathouse Group is valued as supporters of a volunteer community organisation, Whale Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

I have tried to make a list of thankyou to those who assist me in the Swim, it is a very long list, too long for here, however, on a personal note I single out Rob Burfitt-Williams, Jon Pratten, Andrew Pearce, Harry Smith, Danny Ryan, Paul Hughes, Bob Wines and, of course, our Club Captain John Lewin for the fantastic support and encouragement they have given me in 2016. A special note of recognition to Ella Vial, who jumped in the deep end in 2016 as The Big Swim Associate Director and was a tremendous support throughout the event.

To all those others, it is a long list and apologies for neglecting to mention you but many thanks for your unstinting efforts in our success.

Please go to your diary NOW and note **The Big Swim 2017 is on Sunday 29th January.** Australia Day, 26th January is the Thursday prior so it will be a very long weekend and the Club will need every assistance from the members and community of supporters.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Lifesaver of the Year | Lara Boyle | Most Valued Patroller | |
| Captain's Service Award | John Lewin Floyd Higgins Andrew Pearce Harry Smith Saskia Clarke | Patrol 1 | John Fielder |
| Patrol Captain of the Year | Alex Burchett | Patrol 2 | Jade Fenkart |
| Patrol of the Year | Patrol 5 | Patrol 3 | Harry Murdoch |
| Outstanding Service | Ellie Keft Georgia Roberts Charlie Kellaway Annika Harrisson Rob Burfitt-Williams Peter Haigh | Patrol 4 | Kieran Gallagher |
| Rookie of the Year | Jade Fenkart | Patrol 5 | Tamara Scott |
| Chief Training Officer's Award | Saskia Clarke | Patrol 6 | Edward Connolly |
| | | Patrol 7 | Natasha Bridges |
| | | Patrol 8 | Charlie Kellaway |
| | | Patrol 9 | Nic Dijohn |
| | | Patrol 10 | Lachie McEntyre |
| | | Upside-down duck award | John Lewin |
| | | Midget Farrelly Award | Andrew Pearce |
| | | The Sandman | Rachel Dreyfus Jeremy Tysoe Greg Lewin Adam Humphrey |
| | | Deep End Award | Michele Rae |
| | | Bronzed Whale | Mac Powell |



Special mention to Charlei Kellaway, who was named **Young Lifesaver of the Year** at the Sydney Northern Beaches SLS Awards of Excellence. Congratulations!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

| WOMEN | VETERANS | MASTERS | OPENS | JUNIORS |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Beach Sprint | N/A | N/A | Eloise Riley | N/A |
| Beach Flags | N/A | N/A | Eloise Riley | N/A |
| Surf Swim | N/A | N/A | Eloise Riley | N/A |
| Tube Race | N/A | N/A | Eloise Riley | N/A |
| Board Race | N/A | N/A | Eloise Riley | N/A |
| Wave Ski | N/A | N/A | Jade Fenkart | Eloise Riley |
| Club Champion | N/A | N/A | Eloise Riley | N/A |
| Sunday Point Score Champion | N/A | Sue Kearney | Lara Boyle | Saskia Clarke |

| MEN | VETERANS | MASTERS | OPENS | JUNIORS |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Beach Sprint | Jon Pratten | N/A | Oliver Bownes | Matt Stafford |
| Beach Flags | Jon Pratten | N/A | Oliver Bownes | N/A |
| Surf Swim | Bill Phillips | Gavin Aubrey | Floyd Higgins | Dylan Reese-Ewen |
| Tube Race | Bill Phillips | Gavin Aubrey | Floyd Higgins | N/A |
| Board Race | Jon Pratten | Gavin Aubrey | Harry Murdoch | Mac Powell |
| Wave Ski | Graeme Stewart | Brett Babicci | Oliver Bownes | Mac Powell |
| Club Champion | Jon Pratten | Gavin Aubrey | Floyd Higgins | Mac Powell |
| Sunday Point Score Champion | Graeme Stewart | Andrew Pearce | Floyd Higgins | Sydney Robertson |

Point to Point Winner

Floyd Higgins

Bay To Breakers

Not contested due to conditions not suitable during the season.

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WOMEN AT WHALE

TAMARA SCOTT, CHAIRWOMAN OF WOMEN AT WHALE COMMITTEE

The more my team and I delve into the topic of Women at Whale the more humble we become. The stories that have unfolded from years past reaffirm to us it wasn't just since 1980, when women were first permitted to attain the Bronze Medallion, but that women have been involved at Whale Beach since the Club's very beginning. Since a time of sandstone boathouses and shark lookouts, when 'Miss Whale Beach' was an event not to be missed; it is this, the continual and unwavering involvement of women in our Club that we want to recognise on the 29th of October this year. In addition we want to bring our Club together to encourage and foster this ongoing culture of dedication and achievement within the female population of our Club.

And this culture is well founded in Whale Beach history. The Club's story is a legacy of sporting prowess, combined with strong bonds of comradery and community service. It's a culture that is nationally treasured, held in high esteem and has over the years been immortalised by the bronzed, buff (and usually shirtless) Lifesaver. Our Club however has a slightly different take on the typical Aussie Lifesaver. Since there have been opportunities for women to be involved at Whale there have been women lining up to take them. We of course recognise the four women who valiantly trained in the cold winter waters of 1980 to get their Bronze at the first opportunity, but alongside them we must also recognise the other valiant efforts of those that came before them. Their dedication to the Club that these mothers, sisters, girlfriends and wives, who although not allowed to patrol on the beach, had as they stood alongside their patrolling counterparts allowed our club to become the pillar of the community it is today. Whilst the men worked on the beach the women kept the Club standing



and while these roles have now lost their gender determinants the same dedication of spirit is exhibited by the female members today.

That same dedication that the Women of Whale have shown over the years is also exhibited in the athleticism and the increasing numbers of their sporting achievements. Although more quietly acknowledged, the accomplishments of the

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women on the sand and in the water has matched the men since their participation in events was officially sanctioned. It takes a brave man to take on Sue Kearney or Eloise Riley in a swim race or challenge Annika Harrison to a Gold Medallion Mission and each preceding generation has had their own queens of the beach.

What the honour boards of our Club don't yet show are the future of our women. Not content with breaking down societal paradigms between our own headlands, our women are becoming leaders and pioneers outside of Whale. This year the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch will gain its second female jet ski operator courtesy of

Whale Beach and the stepping up of women into the leadership roles at the Club has allowed their skills to be admired at Branch levels.

So this year, at the completion of our 35th season with Women at Whale, it's time for all of us at Whale Beach to stand up and help the women of our Club to reach their full potential, both for our Club and our wider SLS community. Our event on the 29th of October is set to both celebrate the incredible contribution of the women of the past and to pledge to nurture the talents and leadership of our present day female lifesavers. Our event will aim to be enlightening, engaging and exuberantly exciting so look out for the invitation, coming soon!



VALE: BETTY BAILEY

One of the Peninsula's most loved personalities Betty Bailey passed away peacefully in her sleep last December, aged 95.

Betty had a spirited character and was renowned for breaking into song on impulse, a tribute to her younger showgirl days. Betty was an extra in many ABC Television dramas, the Mad Max movies and loved participating in local theatre.

Betty brightened the day of so many for so many years, walking Whale Beach and swimming daily in the rock pool or surf. Betty was a stalwart of the Club's Ladies Auxiliary raising funds to resource the patrols.

Her late husband Hal Bailey, a Life Member at Whale Beach SLSC, was one of the greatest water men the Club ever produced with legendary skills. Together Betty and Hal swam The Big Swim until they were well into their eighties. A very loving couple that were great mentors to all fortunate enough to know them.

Betty and Hal were early campers and following Hal's return from active service in 1945, they lived at Whale Beach in the 'Timms' Shack' until a war service home was made available in Miranda. In 1965-66

they returned to Whale Beach residing in their own home.

Her funeral at St David's Palm Beach was standing room only and daughter Jill delivered a heart-warming eulogy on the lives of Hal and Betty Bailey and their love of Whale Beach. Betty was a grand lady who gave so much of herself to enrich others and will be fondly remembered.

Richard Stewart



VALE: JOE MARSTON, MBE

Joe Marsden was an active member of the club from 1945 to 1950. Joe was one of our greatest and most widely recognised club champions, and it was indeed very sad to learn that he passed away on 29 November 2015, aged 89.

Joe was as fast as lightning on the sand, he was Club beach sprint champion and ran well at carnivals in beach events. He was on patrol at Whale Beach when the call came to go and play in the English FA Cup competition.

Joe began his career with the Leichardt-Annandale Soccer Club and has had the distinction of the grandstand at Lambert Park being named in his honour. He played for England, NSW and 37 times for Australia, 24 times as Captain but wasn't considered for the 1956 Olympic Games because he had played as a professional.

He was the first Australian to play in an English FA Cup final and for five

extraordinary years from 1950 to 1955 he played for the Preston North End Club in Lancashire, and was the first Australian to play in an FA Cup Final at Wembley.

Joe was awarded an MBE by Queen Elizabeth in 1980 and was inducted in 1988 into the Sport Australia and Football Federation Hall of Fame and featured on an Australian postage stamp honouring notable Australian footballers of all codes.

One Sydney Morning Herald sports writer at the time wrote "Think Clive Churchill, Don Bradman and you get an idea of where Marston sits in the pantheon".

After retiring in 1964 Marston coached APIA, Western Suburbs and Sydney Olympic and twice coached the Socceroos.

Throughout his career he kept in touch with his surf club mates.

Richard Stewart and Peter Taylor

MEMBERSHIP 2015/16 SEASON

Active (15–18 yrs)

Barnaby Allen
Mitchell Babbs
Sam Baptist
Ben Bradford
Harry Carmichael
Aedan Curtis
Edmund Curtis
Nicholas Dijohn
Harrison Drummer
James Frear
Henry George
Liam George
Elizabeth Green
Edward Humphrey
Spencer Jackson
Charles Kellaway
Tom Kite
Richard Leonard
Rachel Lowe
Saffron Murphy
Olivia O'Brien
Lawrence O'Brien
Ryan Paul
James Pegg
Harrison Penn
Claudia Photios
Mac Powell
Dylan Rees-Ewen
Olivia Rees-Ewen
Nicholas Riddell-gould
Eloise Riley
Sydney Robertson
Sophie Rothery
Thomas Sanderson
Joshua Scheiner
Lachlan Scott
Matthew Stafford
Lochie Stanwell
Hamish Stephen
Charles Thorn
Jeremy Tysoe

Active (18yrs and over)

Charles Adams
Tom Adams

Adriana Amato
Gavin Aubrey
Alexander Barkworth
William Beaumont
Jana Birkby
Anthony Bowden
Angus Bownes
Iain Bownes
Oliver Bownes
Suzannah Bownes
Lara Boyle
Natasha Bridges
Georgia Browning
Alexander Burchett
Robert Burfitt-Williams
Charles Callander
Charles Carnegie
Andreas Chambers
Saskia Clarke
Sally Collier
Alice Collins-Gallagher
Edward Connolly
Evan Coombes
James Cooper
John Cooper
Klara Cooper
Nicholas Cooper
Yvette Dal Pozzo
Rebecca Dodd
Rachel Dreyfus
Jade Fenkart
Madeleine Findlay
Madeleine Fleming
Kieran Gallagher
Stephen Gardner
Julia Garside
James Gellert
Amy Gojnich
Peter Haigh
Annika Harrisson
Juliette Harrisson
Scott Henderson
Floyd Higgins
Alexander Hromas
Adam Humphrey
Mackenzie Jones

Suzanne Kearney
Eleanor Keft
Lindsay Kershaw
Richard King
Byrne La Ginestra
Gregory Lewin
John Lewin
Philip Madden
Holly Mann
Natalie Matthews
Christina Mayne
Lachlan McEntyre
Freya McGahey
Jemima McGahey
Kathryn Middleton
Katherine Molloy
Sebastian Morgan
Andy Morris
Harry Murdoch
Naomi O'Brien
Sophie Photios
Cesar Puertolas
Michele Rae
Philip Reichelt
Georgia Roberts
James Rowlinson
Anne Sandig
James Scott
Tamara Scott
Emily-Jane
Sharpington-Recny
Caprice Silk
Harry Smith
James Stanwell
Hugh Stevenson
Graeme Stewart
Lucy Stranger
Jonathan Stubbs
Cameron Taylor
William Thomas
Robert Truskett
Edward Underwood
Marco Van Westing
Paul Van Westing
Ella Vial
Evan Webster

Alice Wells
Lachlan Williams
Angus Wood
Michael Wright
Nicholas Wubben

Associate

Peter Anderson
Martin Archer
Ursula Armstrong
Richard Arnott
David Balkin
Denise Barry
David Beale
Edwina Beveridge
William Birks
Amanda Bonouvrie
Jeremy Bonouvrie
Nigel Bowra
John Bradshaw
Elizabeth Cameron
Ian Cameron
Michael Campbell
Yvonne Campbell
Lorna Alison Carr
Robert Carr
Jennifer Cook
Judith Cook
Stephen Cook
Owen Coughlan
Mike Crivelli
Susie Crivelli
Rawdon Dalrymple
Margaret Donald
Simon Dorahy
Andrew Dowe
Ron Enestrom
Suellen Enestrom
Beverlie Farrelly
Christopher Figgis
Ryan Friend
Tina Friend
Tony Froggatt
Eric Gale
Michael Gepp
Elizabeth Gole

John Gorman
 Richard Gray
 jennifer haigh
 Robert Harrison
 Alan Hauserman
 Tina Henry
 Harriet Hromas
 Deon Hubner
 Monica Kim Hughes
 Giles Karhan
 Vivienne King
 Cedric Lee
 Wanhee Lee
 Michael Lockley
 Sally Lockley
 Suzanne Lynch
 Timothy Lysaght
 Scott Macdonald
 Ross Mackay
 Ian Martin
 Lynda Mcfarlane
 John Mcgrath
 Malcolm Mclean
 Russell McMurray
 Jennifer Miles
 Michael Molesworth
 Carolyn Morgan
 Simon Morgan
 Jennifer Mulligan
 William Mulligan
 Janet Nash
 Andrew Nolan
 David Nolan
 Paul O'Brien
 Michael O'Flynn
 Lisa Oates
 Barbara Osborne
 Matthew Pike
 Elizabeth Pozniak
 Sheldon Pozniak
 Alison Pratten
 Robert Pratten
 Virginia Pursell
 Rodney Purvis
 Richard Rains
 Katie Reid
 Michael Riley

Sheila Rose
 Simon Rothery
 Andree Rowntree
 Gary Rutherford
 Kerrie Schmidt
 Gordon Selig
 Ross Simmons
 John Sippe
 Margaret Stewart
 Allan Sullivan
 Keith Tierney
 Dugald Walker
 John Warburton
 Julie Westcott
 Penelope Williams
 Barbara Wines
 Robert Wines

Cadet Member (13–15 years)

Lily Bougoure
 Daniel Breden
 Elliott Burns
 Thomas Constable
 Digby Dalton
 Thomas Ford
 Dylan Gay
 Oliver Griffiths
 Mathew Jackson
 Angus Kellaway
 Oliver Longhi
 Oliver Macgregor
 Wil McDonald
 Harry Miles
 Harrison Muller
 Angus Oag
 Luke Parks
 Oscar Press
 Samuel Rechnner
 Oliver Scott
 Oscar Thomson
 Mitchell Wong
 Jarred Young

Honorary

Isabel Gaven

Life Member

Martin Armstrong
 John Baird
 Robert Berry
 Philip Cullis
 Christopher Hendrikson
 John Lewis
 Darcy Patterson
 Daniel Ryan
 Richard Stewart
 David Strong
 Colin Timms
 Peter Tosi
 Bryan Webster
 Paul Young

Long Service

John Archer
 John Bamford
 Peter Blundell
 James Bosson
 Justin Bracey
 Terry Collier
 Danny Crisp
 Charles Davis
 Robert Elvy
 Bernard Farrelly
 Peter Fraser
 Brian Graber
 Stephen Gray
 Peter Hall
 George Hannaford
 Richard Hansford
 Ross Hennessy
 Matthew Jarrett
 Neil Kirby
 Michael Laurence
 John Lerpiniere
 Robert Lerpiniere
 Benjamin Lewis
 James Macnab
 Martin McRobert
 Peter Montgomery AM
 Noel Pickering
 Anthony Reynolds
 Nicholas Stevens

Ian Stewart
 Peter Taylor
 Allen Wilcox

Past Active

Peter Burgess
 Michelle Clark
 Benjamin John
 Julie Lenehan
 John Pope
 Nicholas Symons

Probationary

Nicole O'Donnell
 Elle Risterski
 James Scott
 Amey Sheridan
 Jessica Steiger-Thorpe
 Celeste Vinci

Reserve Active

Brett Babicci
 Bryan Barrell
 John Becroft
 David Bracey
 Simon Buckingham
 Micah Clark
 Jeffrey Cullis
 Helen Dauncey
 Marshall Denning
 John Fielder
 Robert Grace
 Geoffrey Hale
 Aaron Hendrikson
 Paul Hughes
 Joshua Mullens
 Peter Myers
 Vern Norrgard
 Andrew Pearce
 Bill Phillips
 Jonathon Pratten
 Philip Schmidt
 Morgan Webster

TAIL'S END - SOCIAL EVENTS ON THE DECK

COMMUNITY NIGHT, CHRISTMAS PARTY, MONTHLY DRINKS AND MORE



AWARDS NIGHT 007

BACK AT MOBYS , A CLASSY AFFAIR



LITTLE RIPPERS

SUE KEARNEY, RIPPERS COORDINATOR

The Whale Beach Community Junior Activities Program, “Rippers”, was once again held over the Christmas period. Originally two sessions were planned, however due to popular demand a third was added, with an overwhelming response.

Joining the loyal founding families of Wines, Warren, Walker, Schmidt and Phillips, it was wonderful to see the youngsters of long serving active members, their friends, the local residents and visiting community participate in the program.

Due to inclement weather and challenging surf conditions, only beach recreation activities were held. Events included running races, flags, relays, sack races, an obstacle course, a waterslide, and everyone’s favourite the tug-o-war. This year saw the introduction of the inaugural city versus country tug-o-war, with the city slickers just holding out the country folk for bragging rights. I hear the country folk are already bulking up for next season!

Thank you to all members and families who helped make the program a success. A special thank you to the fathers, grandfathers and older children who assisted with the setting up of the waterslide and the digging for the obstacle course; Tamara and Olivia for your help, in particular organising the many smaller children; patrol member Ed Connolly for your demonstration of rips and currents. To all of you I am extremely grateful.

I look forward to seeing you all again in 2016/17.



LIFE AT WHALE

CHARLIE KELLAWAY, NORTHERN BEACHES YOUNG LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR & KNOX STUDENT

Knox Grammar School have again had a successful season at Whale Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. Highlighted by several awards, events like The Big Swim, Awards Night and Inter-Patrol Championships. After school and Saturday morning trainings as well as weekends at the Club for a few, Knox have dived into all Whale has to offer.

Knox this year have taken up the opportunities provided by Whale Beach, with close to 50 boys from ages 14-18 partaking in patrols, club competition, social events, training and several courses throughout the season.

A special mention to all the boys who have received their SRC, Bronze Medallion, and for the senior boys Advanced Resuscitation, as well as Spinal. On top of this, some members of the Knox cohort took up opportunities to further their lifesaving skills, including Josh Scheiner (IRB Drivers), Nic Dijon and Charlie Kellaway (IRB Crew) and Gold Medallion (Charlie Kellaway).

Awards night saw a range of Knox men get up on stage for Patrol MVP's (Nic Dijon and Charlie Kellaway), Junior Men's Champion (Mac Powell), Outstanding Service to the Club (Charlie Kellaway) and also some recipients of fun awards such as 'Biggest Punch' award (Josh Scheiner and Charlie Kellaway), 'Bronzed Whale' (Mac Powell) and the 'Sandman' award (Jez Tysoe).

The Club provides a great escape and sense of independence for some members as well, with some of the older boys taking advantage of the amazing facilities the club offers. This privilege isn't possible without the everlasting help and maintenance of House Captain Andrew Pearce, Floyd Higgins and Club Captain John Lewin, so for that we thank those individuals.

On top of that, I would also like to thank Chief Training Officer Georgia Roberts and Club Vice Captains Harry Smith and Lara Boyle for their efforts in training Knox men as well as organizing events like the Inter-Patrol Championships which were a huge success. John Lewin's tireless efforts and dedication to the Club must also be noted. John has guided several boys through courses and other aspects of lifesaving that will see them better surf lifesavers as well as young men.

I encourage all Knox men to engage in the opportunities presented by Whale Beach as the skills and values you build upon will greatly enhance you, not only as a lifesaver, but also as a well-rounded young man; evident through the results of Ryan Paul, a great man, myth and legend of the Knox lifesaving community.

Thank you also to Ms. Wade for sticking with the boys and giving up your time and energy to build upon the lifesaving community.



6 : NOTICE OF AGM

Annual General Meeting for Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated will be held at the Whale Beach Surf Club commencing at 2:00pm Sunday 14th August 2016.

AGENDA:

- Apologies
- President's Welcome
- Confirmation of Minutes of 2014-2015
- Adoption of Annual Report
- Adoption of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
- Notices of Motion as approved by the Club Management Committee:
 1. That affiliation be sought for the 2016/17 season with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc. (The Branch). Further, that the articles, constitution, by-laws, regulations and resolutions, together with the awards and equipment of The Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW, and Surf Life Saving Australia Limited be accepted without reservation."
 2. To appoint our auditors for season 2015/2016, Reanda Business Intellect Pty Ltd
 3. That the constitution of the Club be amended to...TBA
 4. That the constitution of the Club be amended to...TBA
 - Election of Officers and Committees for 2016 - 17 season
 - General Business

The Annual Report Committee is indebted to the generous photographic contribution of Rob Berry, Chris Hendrickson, John Fielder, John Lewin, Andrew Pearce and the inaugural Photo Competition entrants.

Your amazing work captures all the weird, wild and wonderful moments of life at Whale Beach, and is an invaluable record of the club's culture and history for generations to come. For this, we sincerely thank you and hope that you continue the project for many seasons to come!



